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Message from the Mayor

Last week, we were all concerned when we heard the news of the thwarted terrorist plot in London to blow up airplanes bound for the United States. The arrests overseas are a good reminder that terrorism is a constant threat, and I'm gratified that this despicable plot was foiled. Here in the District, the Metropolitan Police Department is on high alert, and we remain vigilant to all threats. However, at this point we have no intelligence that suggests that these attacks were ever directed at Washington, DC or any US city. They appear to have been focused on mid-flight explosions.

I was continually updated by officials with the federal Department of Homeland Security throughout the week, and I want to commend Secretary Chertoff for the excellent communication among our federal and regional partners. Although we are taking precautions in accordance with the guidance we receive from the Department of Homeland Security, I encourage District residents and visitors to continue with their daily activities.

There is a new series of programs created for DC Public Library Neighborhood Branches that will engage young people during critical evening hours. My anti-crime initiative provided funds to support expanded programming for young people at neighborhood library branches over the next several months and to extend hours as needed to accommodate these programs. Programming began August 14, and hours at select branches have been extended from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. to standardize programming throughout city branches.

The neighborhood libraries involved in this initiative are Capitol View at 5001 Central Avenue, SE; Chevy Chase at 5625 Connecticut Avenue, NW; Mount Pleasant at 3160 16th Street, NW; Petworth at 4200 Kansas Avenue, NW; Southeast at 403 7th Street, SE; Southwest at 900 Wesley Place, SW; Washington Highlands at 115 Atlantic Street, SW; Woodridge at 1801 Hamlin Street, NE; as well as the Xtreme Mobile, which will cover the Anacostia and Shaw communities. The following programs have been confirmed for these branches in August 2006:

Hitflix - A series of entertaining and engaging movies of interest to young adults with book discussions that compare and contrast the films with related books.

Let the Games Begin - A game night involving a variety of games for all young adult tastes. Games include Monopoly, Spanish Monopoly, Scrabble, Spanish Scrabble, Checkers, Trivial Pursuit, Jeopardy and more. Prizes and giveaways.

Slammin' Karaoke - A fun evening of rapping, singing and reciting a favorite song or poem. Prizes and giveaways.

Drummin'@your Library - Learn to play the drums. An evening of drum instruction including discussion, demonstration and participation. Giveaways included.

Chess Challenge - Learn to play chess and compete with other players. Chess instruction and play. Prizes and giveaways.

All special programs will be held at branches from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A schedule of events for September and October is being planned. Below is the schedule for August 2006.

August 21

Southeast - Drummin'@Your Library

August 22

Chevy Chase - Slammin' Karaoke
Capitol View - Chess Challenge
Xtreme Mobile (Anacostia) - Slammin' Karaoke

August 23

Washington Highlands - Slammin' Karaoke

August 24

Petworth - Chess Challenge
Southwest - Slammin' Karaoke
Xtreme Mobile (Shaw) - Slammin' Karaoke

August 25

Woodridge - Drummin'@Your Library

August 28

Southeast - Slammin' Karaoke

August 29

Chevy Chase - Chess Challenge
Capitol View - Let the Games Begin (program subject to change)
Xtreme Mobile (Anacostia) - Let the Games Begin

August 30

Washington Highlands - Drummin'@Your Library
Mt. Pleasant - Hitflix (program subject to change)

August 31

Southwest - Drummin'@Your Library
Xtreme Mobile (Shaw) - Let the Games Begin
Mt. Pleasant - Slammin' Karaoke



AGENCY WEBSITES

Department of Human
Services

Office of Tax and
Revenue

Department of Parks and
Recreation

Department of
Employment Services

Metropolitan Police
Department

Office of Boards and
Commissions

Commission on the Arts
and Humanities

LINKS TO OTHER WEBSITES

Hands on DC

DC Convention and
Tourism

DC Public Library



Tony Brown's Journal Comes to OCTT

The District's Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications (OCTT) beginning August 2, 2006 will serve as the new production facility for the Tony Brown's Journal show. Tony Brown's Journal, the longest-running public-affairs series on PBS, features guest discussions, commentaries and documentaries pertaining to issues of importance to diverse racial groups in America.

OCTT is the District Government agency that manages the District's Government Access Channel's City Cable 16 and City Cable 13. These two channels provide our residents with access to the activities and processes of their government.

OCTT also offers production and post-production services to District of Columbia residents, as well as to industry professionals, private television organizations, academic institutions and other third party organizations.

OCTT will provide Tony Brown's Journal, as well as future clients, with state-of-the-art studio production facilities, editing suites, graphic design software, duplication equipment, audio recording equipment and a fully operational mobile production truck.

This business development initiative will generate revenue from OCTT's capabilities without increasing costs or affecting OCTT's primary missions of regulation and programming. Revenue generated by the business development initiative will go to the District's General Fund as well as reinvestment into OCTT's infrastructure.

Tony Brown's Journal was selected by the New York Daily News as one of the top 10 television shows of all time that presents positive Black images. The series was the only current program ranked in the top 10. The production has also received a nomination for an NAACP Image Award for "Outstanding News, Talk or Information Series/Special".

Volunteers Needed for Youth Rehabilitation Service

The DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) has put out a call for dedicated volunteers to work with our youth who are residents of the Youth Services Center, Oak Hill Youth Center and Trudie Wallace House.

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services provides citywide services for delinquency prevention and control for the protection of the community and the rehabilitation of youth. Specifically, DYRS provides security, supervision, and residential and community support services for committed and detained juvenile offenders and juveniles in need of supervision. Clients are engaged in a variety of educational, therapeutic, recreational, and cultural enrichment programs.

We are asking the support of volunteers in the following programs:

Arts and Sports- Within the DYRS lie some of the most talented youth who in unfortunate circumstances entered the juvenile justice system. We are asking volunteers to share their artistic gifts and sports abilities with youth by facilitating workshops and classes. The teaching of a variety of art forms and sport disciplines is welcome. Class materials will be provided by DYRS.

Group Mentoring- Caring adults are needed to help guide and shape DYRS youth during one of the most crucial stages of their development. The mentoring program consists of weekly group mentoring that focuses on relationship building through recreational activities.

Tutoring- DYRS will soon offer weekly tutoring to youth who are in need of academic support. Volunteers are needed to conduct one-on-one or two-on-one tutoring sessions in the areas of reading, language arts and math.

I support these programs, and I am optimistic that they will contribute to the positive growth and development of our troubled youth who need our support and attention. If you would like to volunteer for these programs please contact the DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services at: (202) 576-8155.

BRC Alerts

DCLMPC Partnership
Works!

DCOA Spotlight on Aging

DHS Outreach

DISB DC Financial
Gateway Express

OAG Inter Alia...

OAPIA Updates

OPGD Grant Funding
Alerts

DC Divas' Enjoy Championship Season

During my press briefing last week, I congratulated the owner, coaches, general manager and players of the DC Divas who on August 5 defeated the Oklahoma City Lightning to win the National Women's Football Association (NWFA) championship. In their sixth season of play, the Divas finished 11 – 0 for the season, and they featured the League's number one defensive unit. I invited the team to my weekly briefing so that I could congratulate them in person and let everyone in the District know that we have another addition to our city's rich history of sport championships.

Here's some history of the team. In the spring of 2001, the DC Divas made their debut as a team in the National Women's Football Association. After finishing the 2001 season with a record of 3-5, the DC Divas looked for new leadership and found it. Leah Fahringer and Kelly George were two fans who saw a need and filled it. They purchased the team from the league and the DC Divas began to see a turnaround on the field. Under the guidance of Head Coach Ezra Cooper the DC Divas finished the 2002 season with a 5-3 record.

The 2004 off-season saw the DC Divas purchased by Paul Hamlin. Paul had been a fan just as the previous owners had and wanted to be part of a championship effort. Paul's daughter Allyson has been the starting quarterback for the DC Divas for the last three seasons compiling a 17 and 3 victory mark. At a November 2004 charity game, the DC Divas drew a world record crowd of 8,200 fans -- the most fans ever to see women play football. The 2005 season saw the Divas march through another undefeated regular season that featured 7 shutouts in 8 games by the league's leading defense. The Divas defensive unit surrendered a league low 56 points. The offense continued to impress on a weekly basis averaging 30 plus points and 300 plus yards rushing per game. The Divas once again made it to the Northern Conference championship game but fell to the 4 time champion Detroit Demolition.

I am proud of all DC's athletic teams, and I am especially proud that some of the Divas are employees of the District government -- from a firefighter to a police officer to a school teacher. They deserve our thanks for their dedication to the sport and their commitment to their team.

For more information on the Divas, visit their website at dcdivas.com.

Update on School Transit Subsidy Program

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) reminds residents who take advantage of DDOT's School Transit Subsidy Program that there will be a few changes this school year. We designed this program to help make public transit more affordable for District youth. The new changes we are implementing include:

1. New Application Process:
 - All students and/or parents must obtain Student Travel Applications from their school before coming to DDOT. (Travel Card Applications are no longer given at the DDOT School Transit Subsidy Office.)
 - Have your Student Travel Application signed, dated and stamped by your school principal before you arrive at DDOT, Mass Transit Administration.
2. New Location:
 - DDOT, Mass Transit Administration,
 - 2217 14th Street NW, 2nd floor.
 - (Near the intersection of U Street and Florida Avenue, NW.)
 - 202-673-1740
 - Monday – Friday 8:15 am – 4:45 pm.
 - Wednesdays 8:15am- 7:00 pm. (months of August-October)

As the School Transit Subsidy Program prepares for the start of School Year 2006/2007, I would like to remind residents that District law mandates that for students to receive discounted travel on Metrobus and Metrorail they must meet all of the following three qualifications:

1. Under 19 years of age with the exception of student with disabilities who are eligible until 22 years of age;
2. Resident of the District; and
3. Enrolled in an elementary or secondary public, charter, private or parochial school that is located in the District of Columbia

If you meet the above criteria, please follow the steps above and bring your signed, dated and stamped application to DDOT's School Transit Subsidy Office. If you have questions or concerns please contact Ms. Nancy Green-Johnson at (202) 673-1742.



District Activities



Mayor Williams greeted the Capital City Fellows.



Mayor Anthony Williams congratulated the owner, coaches, general manager and players of the DC Divas who defeated the Oklahoma City Lightning to win the National Women's Football Association championship.



Residents spoke with Mayor Williams during the Lincoln Heights New Communities workshop held at Kelly Miller Middle School through Monday.

Community News

- [Mayor Praises DC Divas' Championship Season](#)
- [Mayor Williams Issues Statement on Airline Terror Plot in London](#)

Upcoming Events

[View All News Releases](#)

	Calling All Volunteers! Nkenge A. Watkins at (202) 576-8155
8/26	DCPS Annual Beautification Project 8 am - 1 pm At your neighborhood public school To register, call Kris Benjamin at 727-0488 or email volunteer4schools@k12.dc.us
9/7	Elder Fest Freedom Plaza
9/8	DiverseCITY Job Fair: Promoting Career Opportunities for Asians and Pacific Islanders 10 am - 4 pm National Building Museum 401 F Street, NW

